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Omicron threat: Ready for war room, helpline

District Health Officer outlines strategy if COVID positive cases increase beyond 100

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (MTY&BCT)- The War Rooms, helplines, system of bed availability at the touch of a button, extra ICU/ HDU beds at hospitals, computer-controlled data flow, home isolation teams and COVID Care Centres that existed during the killer second wave would be revived in case of more fresh infections.

Dr. K.H. Prasad

The entire system can be set up within a span of two to three days and the previous experience of handling uncontrolled rush and panic in all the areas — infection, bed allotment, helpline management, contact tracing and also home isolation management — will come in handy to the officers and volunteers.

A file photo of war rooms being operated during the second COVID wave from the new Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad said that as of now, opening of war rooms, helplines and COVID Care Centres was not necessary as Mysuru's positivity rate is below 0.1 percent. "If at all cases increase and if Omicron cases are spotted or on the rise, we are ready to open all the facilities like in the second wave. They can be stepped up within two to three days," he said.

(See WAR ROOM on page 7)

Cases show slight increase in Mysuru

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has shot off a letter to top health officials of Karnataka amidst Omicron concerns and has raised the increase in weekly cases in the past one week. He has asked the officials to take appropriate measures to control the spread of the disease and reduce fatalities.

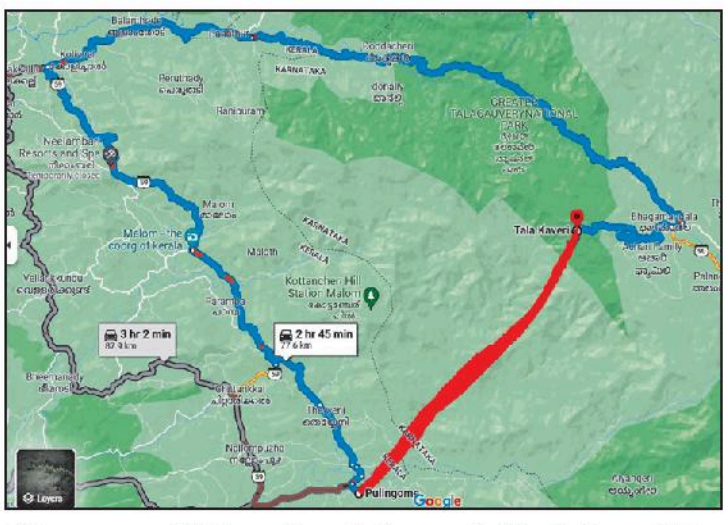
In a letter to Principal Secretary Karnataka T.K. Anil Kumar, the Health Secretary drew attention towards the increase in cases in the last one week in some of the districts including Mysuru. The letter states that the difference in percentage of cases went up to 16.49 percent in Mysuru from Nov. 26 to Dec. 2 as against the preceding week from Nov. 19 to 25. Mysuru saw the spike to 219 cases in the week ending Dec. 2 while previous week it was 188 cases.

New highway from Kerala to Kodagu endangers River Cauvery

- Proposed highway to pass through Greater Talacauvery National Park and Reserve Forest
- Kasaragod MP raises question in Lok Sabha; Minister Nitin Gadkari cold-shoulders move

Kushalnagar, Dec. 5 (Akshay &BCT)- A new highway from Kerala to Talacauvery in Kodagu district, the birthplace of River Cauvery, has been proposed by the neighbouring State that will threaten the very existence of the river, the lifeline of people of Kodagu, Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru in Karnataka and most of Tamil Nadu.

The proposed road links Madayi Kavu in Kerala and Talacauvery via Pulingome. A question in this regard was raised by Kasaragod MP K.P. Rajmohan Unnithan in Lok Sabha on Dec. 2. The question was directed at Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.



The proposed highway from Pulingome in Kerala through the green belt** (marked in red) **to Talacauvery in Kodagu.

As per LS website, the MP asked, "Whether the Govt. has any plans to make the road stretch on Madayi Kavu-Pulingome-Talacauvery usable which passes through the States of Kerala and Karnataka to provide connectivity with Ezhimala Naval Academy and Peringome CRPF Camp. If so, the details thereof."

An easy route for Kerala

Madayi Kavu is in Kannur district of Kerala and there is a famous Thiruvarkadu Bhagavathi Temple there and the distance to Pulingome is 42 kilometres. At present, to reach Talacauvery, people from Pulingome in Kerala travel over three hours (78 kilometres) via Thayyeni, Paramba, Malom, Kollichal, Balanthode, Panathur, Doddacheri, and Bhagamandala (in Kodagu).

If Madayi Kavu-Pulingome-Talacauvery Highway is constructed, it will be just a short drive from Pulingome via green belt of Talacauvery and this is the reason why the Kasaragod MP wants this to be a reality. At present, there is a mud road here and the forest is a part of Greater Talacauvery National Park.

(See HIGHWAY on page 7)

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 5th December 2021

'Writing is an art which no one should quit'

Jnanabuthi conducts free coaching camp for assistant professor aspirants

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (SPN&DM)- Maintaining that writing is an art which no one should quit, retired academician Prof. H.M. Rajashekar opined that continuous reading or typing on cell phones is not good for one's health.

He was speaking after inaugurating free coaching camp for Assistant Professor aspirants organised by Jnanabuthi at Lakshmipuram Government High School and PU College on JLB road here on Thursday.

Stressing on the need for job aspirants to regularly read newspapers and magazines to keep their knowledge updated, Prof. Rajashekar observed that most South Indian students do not have command over languages other than their mother-tongue.

Noting that North Indian students are always at an advantage as other than Hindi, they have knowledge about a few other languages as well, he said that learning Hindi is vital for acquiring knowledge.

Reiterating that writing is an art, he regretted that some are getting undue publicity by using Hindi for political purposes, which is not correct. He called upon the aspirants to shun excessive use of mobiles and to concentrate more on current affairs, which is key for success in competitive exams.

Humorist and writer Prof. M. Krishnegowda, who presided, said it is important for students to concentrate on reading, with focus on academics. Highlighting the qualities of a good teacher, he said concentration, dedication and determination are vital for successfully taking on competitive exams, especially at a time when there is cut-throat competition for every job.

Dy.SP B.B. Lakshmegowda, Prof. V. Jayaprakash, Prof. Govindaraju, Dr.SBM Prasanna, Dr.Umesh Bevinahalli, K.Y. Nagendra, Jainahalli Sathyanarayanagowda, H. Balakrishna and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

There is no UPA now. With those four words, Mamata Banerjee seems to have set an interesting cat among pigeons. She made the statement standing beside Sharad Pawar after a high-powered meeting with the opposition's most experienced stalwart. Pawar did not refute Mamata's statement. He had rolled out the red carpet for her by calling all NCP Ministers in the Maharashtra Government and senior party leaders to meet her at his residence. Her statement that it would be "very easy to defeat BJP" if all regional parties got together has led to speculation whether Mamata — and Pawar — are about to launch a new non-BJP front minus Congress. It is hardly a secret that regional parties would like to lead a non-BJP Government, were such an opportunity to arise.

But creating a new "federal front" of non-BJP regional outfits is going to be tough at this juncture. For the simple reason that while Congress-led UPA is defunct, Congress is part of ruling alliances in some States. It is in power with DMK in Tamil Nadu, with JMM in Jharkhand and with NCP (and Shiv Sena) in Maharashtra. Even though Congress is a junior partner in Government in these States, no regional party would like to rock the boat by annoying it.

—Neerja Chowdhury in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Beer with peas, pickled cabbage flavour

Rejkiavik: A brewery in Iceland has been getting a lot of attention because of its newest creation – a holiday beer that tastes like green peas and pickled red cabbage – which has been selling like crazy.

Ora jólabjór, the beer that has taken Iceland by storm, is brewed by RVK Brewing in a modest Rejkiavik brewery with an annual capacity of 50,000 liters. Master brewer Valgeir Valgeirsson had already made beer from unusual ingredients like seaweed or even dried fish, so when he received a call from preserved vegetable company Ora about a possible collaboration, he welcomed the challenge. Traditionally used as a side dish for smoked lamb leg and potatoes at Christmas, the preserved peas and pickled cabbage proved an excellent brewing ingredient, as the first batch of the unusual beer sold out in just six hours.

Restriction on width makes people angry

London: Woodmere Avenue in Watford, UK, has become world-famous for an 'evil' width restriction made up of six steel bollards after videos of cars crashing into it started going viral online.

On Mar. 24, 1980, local authorities decided to combat rat-running through the city's residential area by installing what would eventually become the most hated width restriction in the UK. Made up of six beefy steel bollards, this 'abomination' limits the width of vehicles that can pass through it at 7 feet (2.1 meters), which, for a lot of motorists has proven too narrow, despite their vehicles being nowhere near 7-feet-wide. Despite countless complaints from local residents and motorists afraid they'll suffer the same fate if they pass through, the width restriction has endured and recently achieved worldwide notoriety.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Be smart about fats

If you are concerned about your heart health, rather than avoiding fat in your diet, try replacing unhealthy fats with good fats.

By Kavya J - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

JSS Centre for Management Studies ranked 17th among private B-Schools

Mysuru, Dec. 5- JSS Centre for Management Studies (JSSCMS), a component of the JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru, has recently been ranked 17th among Top Private B-Schools in Southern Zone by the *Outlook* magazine in collaboration with the Indian Centre for Academic Rankings and Excellence (ICARE) that has released a ranking of top MBA institutes in India.

The *Outlook* (ICARE) highlights institutions which performed well in the midst of the pandemic. *Outlook-2022* rankings is a very transparent, outcome oriented, data-based approach with parameters that are globally accepted and locally relevant.

The rankings are compiled using five comprehensive metrics that effectively capture institutional performance. In this edition, B-Schools have been evaluated on Faculty-Student ratio-20%, Research-20%, Employability-40% and Faculty Quality-10% and Invlusivesness-10%.

This initiative is Government-approved and trusted audit and ratings organisation. ICARE analyses ranks by conducting an in-depth survey research.

Data for rankings is collected from trusted sources such as NIRF, UGC, AICTE, SCOPUS and the data gathered from individual education institutions.

JSSCMS is a recognised centre for MBA Education and Research that offers a two-year full-time MBA approved by AICTE and affiliated to JSS Science and Technology University. JSSCMS is ranked 24th amongst top Private Universities Constituent Colleges in India and has secured 56th rank among top MBA Private Institutions.

REALLY...?

- ***White tigers are only found among Indian tigers. White tigers a type of Bengal tiger created through a variant in pigmentation. They often grow into larger animals than their orange-coloured cousins.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Santa reading newspaper...
News: *"Indian Athlete Lost Gold Medal In Long Jump"*
Santa Comments: *Idiot! Who told him to wear gold medal while jumping!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.24
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.56
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.48
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.13

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	DECEMBER 3	DECEMBER 4
Day's Positive Cases	45	29
Total Positive Cases	1,79,882	1,79,911
Day's Discharges	10	41
Total Discharges	1,77,136	1,77,177
Day's Deaths	0	1
Total Deaths	2,430	2,431
Total Active Cases	316	303

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Recurrent blockage of sewer system

Sir,

The sewer system in Gayathripuram is faulty and not constructed properly. We face problems daily as the sewer overflows and blocks every time even when there is a little rain.

The residents have consistently raised this issue with the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and our area authorities, but it feels like it has fallen on deaf ears.

We residents have to bear the stench everyday because the sewage water flows on the road and gets stagnant. I have also raised this issue through social media but in vain.

Residents have also filed complaints and is being followed up. Looks like the underground pipeline is faulty and needs reconstruction.

The sewage-filled water is flowing on the road and is causing serious health hazard to the residents, road users and most importantly the children and the elder citizens.

Mysuru boasts itself to be the cleanest city, but this is the condition we are living.

—Danish Pasha
on e-mail
Gayathripuram 2nd Stage
28.11.2021

Power disruption on Dec. 6, 7

Mysuru, Dec. 5- Owing to emergency maintenance works power supply will be disrupted on Dec. 6 and 7 in the following places;

Dec. 6 (10 am to 5 pm) V.V. Mohalla CESC Division: Vijayanagar 1st Stage, CADA Office, near BSNL Office, Kalidasa Road and surrounding areas.

Nanjangud CESC Division (7 am to 4 pm): Tagaduru, Badanavalu, Chunchanahalli, Gattawadipura, Karya, Alaganchi, Hedatale, Konanur, Nerale, Hemmaragala, Kavalande villages and surrounding Gram Panchayat limits, Nagarle, Beligere, Mallupura, Suttur villages and surrounding Gram Panchayat limits, according to CESC Executive Engineer, Nanjangud Division.

Dec. 7 (10 am to 5 pm) V.V. Mohalla CESC Division: Power supply will be disrupted in Hebbal 1st, 2nd and 3rd Stages, Subramanya Nagar, Police Quarters, Basavanagudi surrounding areas, Hebbal Main Road, Lokanayakanagar, Ningaiahnakere, SBM Main Road, Surya Bakery Circle, Kumbarakoppal, Madegowda Circle and surrounding areas, according to a press release from the CESC Executive Engineer, V.V. Mohalla Division.

Gita Gopinath to become IMF's First Deputy MD

Washington, Dec. 5 (Agencies)- Mysuru-born Gita Gopinath has been promoted to the position of First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD) — the number two official — at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), from her earlier position of Chief Economist of the global financial lender. She will assume the role under present Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva and will be succeeding current FDMD Geoffrey Okamoto.

Gita, who was the first woman to serve as the IMF's Chief Economist, has been praised by Georgieva for the exceptional work she has done amid COVID-19, as well as for her "intellectual leadership in helping the global economy and the Fund to navigate the twists and turns of the worst economic crisis of our lives."

Georgieva called Gopinath "the right person at the right time" to take the leadership role.

Gita Gopinath

"Especially given that the pandemic has led to an increase in the scale and scope of the macroeconomic challenges facing our member countries, I believe that Gita — universally recognised as one of the world's leading macro-economists — has precisely the expertise that we need for the FDMD role at this point," Georgieva said in the statement.

"Indeed, her particular skill set — combined with her years of experience at the Fund as Chief Economist — make her uniquely well qualified." Gopinath, who was appointed to her current role in October 2018, was due to return to her position at Harvard University in January but will now leave the University.

Gita, who is looking forward to the new position, tweeted, "I am honoured to become the IMF's First Deputy Managing Director. With the pandemic, the work of the Fund has never been more important. I look forward to working with my brilliant colleagues to help our membership face these important challenges."

Gita Gopinath parents T.V. Gopinath and V.C. Vijayalakshmi, both from Kerala, currently reside in Mysuru.

VC to inaugurate online training

on "Geospatial Science and Technology"

Mysuru, Dec. 5- The Centre for Geoinformatics Technology, Department of Geography, Manasagangothri, has been awarded with funds to offer a 21-day online winter school training programme on "Geospatial Science and Technology", under the "National Geospatial Programme" initiative by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), New Delhi, from Dec. 6 to 28.

Prof. Hemantha Kumar

University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will inaugurate the programme tomorrow at 10 am at R.P. Misra Hall, DoS in Geography, Manasagangothri.

Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor, UoM and Prof. A. Balasubramanian, former Professor, Department of Earth Science, Manasagangothri, will be the chief guests.

Prof. P. Jayashree, Chairperson, Department of Geography, Organising Committee members Dr. D. Dutta, Scientist, DST, Dr. Shubha Pandey, Scientist, DST, Prof. Shamitha Kumar, Coordinator, DST, Prof. Ramu, Principal Investigator Co-ordinator, Centre for Geoinformatics Technology, Prof. Asima Nusrath, Prof. B. Chandrashekara, Prof. H. Nagaraj, Prof. S. Arun Das and Dr. Y.P. Rajesh; Technical Team members Dr. H.V. Rekha, GIS, Dr. C. Papanna, GIS, Dr. M. Vinay, GIS, S. Shashi Kumar, GIS, Dr. S. Vishwanatha, Geography, Dr. K.L. Sowmyashree, Geography, Dr. R. Sowmya, Geography, Research Scholars and PG Students of GIS & Geography Department and non-teaching staff will be present.

The applications of Geospatial Science and Technology includes air-to-ground land surveying, mapping of geographical space and analytics for better understanding of the socio-economic and environmental problems, through the adopted technologies like GIS, GPS, Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry, Laser Scanning and Drone Technologies. In this view, the training programme has participants across the nation which includes faculty members, scientists, researchers, technologists from various Government and Non-Governmental Organisations.

For details contact Prof. Ramuon Mob:98801-12252.

Free COVID vaccine camp

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (KS)- The Al-Khalid Charitable Trust, Arafath Masjid Trust and Hilal Welfare Trust, Mysuru, in association with the District Health and Family Welfare Department has organised a free COVID vaccination camp (1st and 2nd dose) for those between 18 and 70 years at the following places in city from 10.30 am to 3 pm.

Dec. 7: Sir Khazi Mohammed Hayath Saheb Health Care Centre (PHC), opposite Arafath Masjid on Sulthan Park Road in Mandi Mohalla. **Dec. 11:** Hilal Higher Primary & High School, Hilal Welfare Trust Complex at Ghousia Nagar. For details Contact: Mohammed Mumtaz Ahmed on Mob: 97417-89000, Mohammed Farooq: 99016-74127 or Mirza Ateeq-Ur-Rahman on Mob: 98450-67377.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Play this evening

City's GPIER Theatre group will perform 'Manteswamy Kathaaprasanga' Kannada play at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises at 6.30 pm this evening (Dec. 5). The play is written by Dr. H.S. Shivaprakash and directed by Mime Ramesh. [Mob: 90193-70060].

Candle light march

Marking the 66th death anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, city's Ashokapuram Kshemabhivruddhi Samiti, will take out a candle light march in city at 6 pm tomorrow (Dec. 6). The march will start from Ashokapuram Chikkagaradi and will pass through Ashoka Circle, before culminating at Ambedkar Park. Tributes will be paid to Dr. Ambedkar at Ashokapuram Burial Ground (Shantidhama) in Vishweshwaranagar, at 10.30 am. [Mob: 93421-83879, 72597-30256].

AGM on Dec.12

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the city's Bapuji Housing Co-operative Society , will take place in the Society premises located in Bapuji Layout, Bogadi, at 11 am on Dec. 12, according to a press release.

Matrimonial meet

Sri Basaveshwara Vadhu-Varara Vivaha Vedike, will be conducting a matrimonial meet of Veerashaiva-Lingayat brides and grooms, at Namana Kalamantap in Krishnamurthypuram, at 9 am on Jan. 16, 2022. Interested brides and grooms can register before Jan. 16. For details contact Mob: 99727-03737 or 96862-05346, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	124.80	feet
Yesterday	:	124.76	feet
Inflow	:	6,291	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,436	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.69	feet
Inflow	:	1,481	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,400	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,856.18	feet
Inflow	:	135	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,050	cusecs

After MCC fails to respond, K.C. Layout residents take up cleaning drive

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (MK&KS)- After waiting for the MCC to take up cleaning of K.C. Layout in MCC Ward No. 52, which eventually did not happen, the residents of the locality under Kempu Cheluvajammanni Residents Welfare Association have taken up the cleaning of the area themselves yesterday and today.

Though K.C. Layout, located near Lalitha Mahal helipad at the foot of Chamundi hill was formed about 20 years ago the residents are worried a lot as the area is not being maintained regularly by the civic body. Most of the drains that carry rain water are closed with sand and mud carried by rain water which is resulting in the locality getting flooded whenever it rains.

Residents said that following continuous rains recently, they faced numerous problems and despite urging the officials concerned to take steps to get the area cleaned and solve the problems, none responded positively and showed negligent attitude.

They alleged that the local elected representative (Corporator) is just for namesake who has not responded to any of the problems faced by the residents.

"We do not know when the Corporator comes and goes. If anyone sees the Corporator and air the grievances, only assurances are given but noting takes place," the residents said.

The association members pressed an earth moving machine to remove overgrown bushes and weeds besides getting the garbage cleared themselves.

Damaged open manholes posing danger on Mysore University campus

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (MK&KS)- Open manholes are inviting danger in Mysore University premises, Manasagangothri campus, the sixth oldest University in the country and the first in the State.

If one takes a walk near B.M. Sri Auditorium, opposite to State Bank of India (SBI) branch, near the Department of Sociology and other places in the nearly 105-year-old campus, one can see most of the concrete covers on the manholes have been broken and stone slabs have been placed on it as temporary covers.

Though the manhole covers were damaged a couple of months back, teaching and administrative staff of the University, who pass on the same route have turned a blind eye towards it.

Instead of replacing the concrete covers, zinc sheets, stone slabs and concrete bricks have been placed to warn students of possible danger. Even rain water flows into the UGD through these open manholes which sometimes get clogged and overflows as garbage such as plastic and dry leaves flows into it. It is very difficult to move about especially during dark, said a student to *Star of Mysore*.

Leopard cubs trapped in H.D. Kote

H.D. Kote, Dec. 5 (KS)- Two leopard cubs have been trapped in a cage at Beechanahalli in the taluk this morning.

Villagers, who had spotted the leopard and her cubs in the village recently, had informed the Forest Department Officials, who had placed a cage at the workshop of the Irrigation Department which is in ruins.

This morning, two cubs have walked into the cage and have been trapped. On noticing two cubs trapped in the cage, the villagers informed the Forest Officials, who visited the spot.

The Forest Officials said that the leopard cubs would be released into the forest after obtaining permission from the higher officials.

Obituary

K. Satish

Mysuru, Dec. 5- K. Satish (71), proprietor of Agarwal Chats at Kuvempunagar and a resident of 'M' Block in Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday evening at his shop following a heart attack.

He leaves behind one son, three daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this noon, according to family sources.

'JD(S) doors closed for GTD'

H.D. Kumaraswamy at party workers' meet

Mysuru, Dec. 5- Asserting that the doors of JD(S) party was permanently closed for Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD), former Chief Minister and top JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) said that the party will scout for a new leadership in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment.

He was addressing party workers ahead of the MLC polls at Kodava Samaja in Vijayanagar First Stage here yesterday.

Pointing out that JD(S) party workers had nurtured GTD for over 12 years, Kumaraswamy said that the efforts of former Prime Minister and party Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and that of his (HDK) son Nikhil Kumaraswamy have proved futile.

Reiterating that the doors of the party were closed for GTD, he said that the issue is now a closed chapter.

Maintaining that it was the party workers who helped GTD in defeating Siddharamaiah in the 2018 Assembly polls, he lashed out at GTD for having betrayed the party, despite enjoying power as a Minister and other top positions.

Referring to the polls for the dual-member Mysuru-Chamarajanagar Legislative Council polls, Kumaraswamy contended that the results would be a pointer to the 2023 Assembly polls. Calling upon the electorate to vote for the party candidate C.N. Manjegowda, he said that it was the JD(S) which had really worked for the cause of Gram Panchayats.

Party candidate C.N. Manjegowda, in his address, said that he would strive to ensure that Gram Panchayat members get a monthly honorarium of Rs. 10,000 as in Kerala and West Bengal.

Expressing the hope that the JD(S) would return to power in the 2023 Assembly polls and H.D. Kumaraswamy would become the Chief Minister again, Manjegowda highlighted what he would do if elected to the Council.

K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh, senior leaders Mavinahalli Siddegowda and Belavadi Shivamurthy too addressed party workers.

MLA Ashwin Kumar, former Mayors M.J. Ravikumar and R. Lingappa, District JD(S) President Narasimhaswamy, leaders Prema Shankaregowda, Beerihundi Basavanna and others were present.

Row over installation of Dr. Ambedkar statue leads to tension in Paduvarahalli

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (RK&DM)- Tension prevailed in Paduvarahalli and some surrounding areas on Saturday when a youth from Paduvarahalli slit his throat as a mark of protest against local authorities and the Police, who prevented overnight installation of a statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the busy Mathrumandali Circle in Vontikoppal.

Upon learning that some youths were preparing to install Dr. Ambedkar statue at Mathrumandali Circle late on Friday night, the MCC officials and the Police rushed to the spot and took possession of the statue, saying that there was no permission or sanction for its installation.

Strongly condemning the action of the authorities, a section of people from Paduvarahalli staged a flash protest at Mathrumandali Circle. Dalit organisations too joined the protest and raised slogans against the Government.

Even as the protesters were flaying the MCC for its act, one Satish, a resident of Paduvarahalli, slit his throat from a blade, following which he was rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment, it is learnt.

MLA L. Nagendra, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, DCP Pradeep Gunti and other officials, who visited the spot on Saturday morning, pacified the protesters saying that Government permission was a must for installation of the statue at a public space.

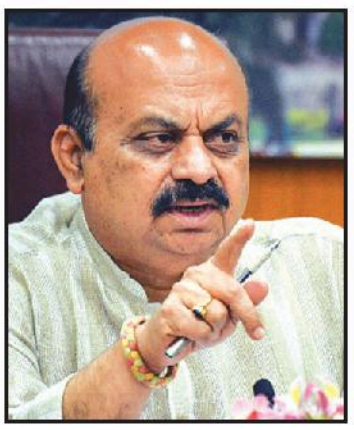
Later the statue was handed over to the protesters. The statue has now been kept at Paduvarahalli's Dr. Ambedkar Samudaya Bhavan for safe custody.

V.V. Puram and Jayalakshmipuram Police provided security.

Society Wedding...

H.R. Ranganath of** Public TV **and K.N. Sharada Ranganath couple celebrated the wedding of their daughter Payaswini Ranganath with Nikhil Bhaskar, son of B.S. Bhaskar and Savitha Bhaskar, at a ceremony held at BWSSB Rajatha Bhavana in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, on Nov. 21. A grand wedding reception was held at Bangalore Palace Ground last evening.

CM Bommai says no to Kasturirangan Report



Basavaraj Bommai

Bengaluru, Dec. 5 (Agencies)- Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has told the Centre that the State is opposed to the implementation of the Kasturirangan Committee Report on Western Ghats.

Participating in the virtual meeting on implementation of Kasturirangan Report on Western Ghats chaired by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav yesterday, Bommai said that declaring Western Ghats as Ecologically Sensitive Zone would adversely affect the livelihood of people in the region.

"Declaring the Western Ghats as an Ecologically Sensitive Zone will adversely affect the livelihood of people in the region. The Karnataka Government and the people living in the region are opposed to implementation of the Kasturirangan Report," he said.

"Kasturirangan Report has been prepared based on the satellite images but the ground reality is different. So we are opposed to it and the decision has been taken after exhaustive discussions with people of the Western Ghat region and officials," the Chief Minister said.

"Karnataka has the distinction of being one of the States with extensive forest cover. Our Government has taken extreme care to protect its biodiversity. People of the region have adopted agriculture and horticultural activities in an eco-friendly manner. Priority has been accorded for environment protection under the Forest Protection Act. Bringing in another law will affect the livelihood of locals," Bommai said.

In this background, bringing one more law that would affect the livelihood of the local people is not appropriate, Bommai said.

The Karnataka Government has repeatedly rejected the implementation of the Kasturirangan Report. Headed by former head of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Dr. K. Kasturirangan, the report recommended 37 percent of the Western Ghat area as an Ecologically Sensitive Area (ESA).

The Committee also recommended a blanket ban on mining and quarrying. In Karnataka, the Government has pointed out that the implementation of the Report would impact 1,576 villages spread across 20,668 sq km of Western Ghats region in the State.

Karnataka has even opposed Madhav Gadgil Report that was submitted to the Government in 2011. After much debate, it was dropped. The Government then sought another report and the Kasturirangan Report was tabled in 2012-13. But, after facing severe criticism from all quarters, the State had decided to put it on hold.

The Union Minister assured the State that officers from his Department would visit Karnataka for talks on the matter, the Chief Minister's office said.

Mission Service: DDRC helps needy amidst COVID

By Irfana Husen,
Audiologist and Speech Language Therapist, District Disability Rehabilitation Centre, Mysuru

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is annually observed on Dec. 3 and the day is about promoting the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities at every level of society and to raise awareness of the situation of such persons.

The **District Disability Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC), Mysuru,** was started as an outreach activity under the Ministry of Women and Child Development and Department for the Empowerment of Differently-abled and Senior Citizens with Indian Red Cross Society, Mysuru Chapter.

An inclusive response to the COVID-19 pandemic is needed to ensure that children with disabilities are not further left behind in attaining basic skills. Considering this, the DDRC initiated and provided various services like speech therapy, physiotherapy, oromotor exercises, parent counselling, awareness programmes and distribution of aids and appliances.

SPEECH THERAPY

The pandemic has caused unprecedented disruptions to children's learning activities. With the majority of centres in Mysuru being closed, many children with disabilities have been forced to continue their learning remotely.

Children with disabilities are less likely to benefit from distance and online learning solutions. Many lack support, internet access and accessible software and learning materials.

During this situation, DDRC staff started online classes (video call / regular calls) and speech therapy sessions were carried out for more than 46 children with disabilities per week. Constant counselling was done to parents on how to encourage children and minimise communication gap.

Through this most children built good rapport with the parents and could get a good response for tele-practice. This programme was recorded and a therapy plan was implemented.

Post-lockdown, many parents were rigid to visit the DDRC for therapy. A good amount of counselling, home visits and continuing tele-practice were done. Awareness programmes on "how to focus on speech therapy during lockdown" were done to parents and family members.

INTERVENTION-INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Children with special needs need to have different programmes to enrol and retain them in schools. Our goal is to reduce the gap in enrolment, retention, completion rates and achievement level of children with disabilities. Our first step to achieve this was to conduct an awareness programme for special educators.

An orientation session was given to more than 30 special educators about identifying various disabilities, managing and therapy options for school going children with disabilities. The second step was to plan therapy camps and Taluk-wise camps have been scheduled and the DDRC team is working on it post-pandemic.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

Special children are prone to fall sick often due to their low immune system. To overcome this, parents should be mentally stable enough to look after their children, so their mental health is a priority. Counselling was given to parents regarding this through tele-practice.

Exercises focused mainly on below 5 years children as these kids will be having more progressive levels. Parents are instructed to follow the exercise taught by a physiotherapist at the centre and many other exercises were taught through diagrams and made videos for the easy following by the parents at home.

REHABILITATION COUNSELLING

Rehabilitation counsellors are referred to as disability counsellors because they help people with mental or physical disabilities live independently in a larger community. Counsellors can enhance their understanding and knowledge of issues relevant to the needs of persons with disabilities and their family members by learning about the various forms of personal and social barriers they often encounter.

DDRC faculty Psychologist- cum-Counsellor M. Neelamani played a vital role here. Apart from counselling, she worked with children who have sensory issues by providing activities like gross motor skill training, attention development training, daily activities skill training, fine motor skill training, socialisation skill training, stimulation therapy, reading and writing skill training, oral motor training and eye movement developmental training.

SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES

DDRC staff completely engaged with medical practitioners to provide vaccination for differently-abled persons. Our team members with Indian Red Cross Society were involved in providing masks, sanitisers and food kits for the tribal areas in Sollepura of H.D. Kote and around 70 families benefited.

Our team also visited remote areas and carried out one to one counselling, trained exercise, speech therapy and oromotor exercises. Approximately 58 children benefited.

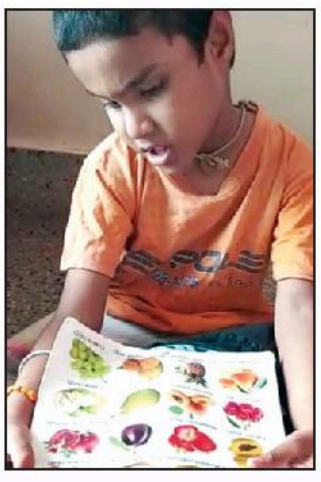
NEED FOR JOBS

DDRC team took the initiative in providing jobs for 300 persons with disabilities in various private companies and malls, BPO, security agencies and in other NGOs. Job orientation training programmes like computer courses, paper bag making, mobile and electronic gadget repair training, spoken English courses etc., have helped many to get jobs. Over 250 persons have benefited.

TEAM WORK

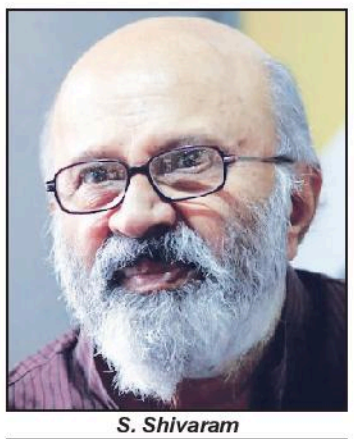
Under Anti Naxal Force, Karkala Beechanahalli Camp, Forest Department, Revenue Department, Education Department, Health Department, Department for Empowerment of Differently-abled and Senior Citizens, District Disability Welfare Officer G. Malini with DDRC staff arranged camps for tribal areas of H.D. Kote.

The places included D.B. Kuppe, Henbeguru, Veeranahosalli, B. Matkere and Koppa. Over 649 persons were assessed for various disabilities and Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards and other aids and appliances were distributed at their places. A total of 21 camps have been organised where 2,709 persons with disabilities were enrolled for UDID cards and 2,190 UDID cards were approved ▪



Last rites of veteran actor

Shivaram held with State honours



S. Shivaram

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Revenue Minister R. Ashoka paying their last respects to S. Shivaram yesterday.

Bengaluru, Dec.5- The last rites of veteran Kannada film actor S. Shivaram (83),who passed away at a hospital here yesterday, was held this afternoon at Banashankari Crematorium here with State Honours.

Veteran actor Shivaram, who was undergoing treatment for brain haemorrhage at a private hospital, passed away on Saturday afternoon. His body was shifted from the hospital to his residence here.

Shivaram was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday (Nov. 30) night after he reportedly collapsed while performing puja at his residence ahead of his departure on a pilgrimage to Sabarimala.

He leaves behind two sons and two daughters.

Shivaram's mortal remains was kept at Ravindra Kalakshetra for a couple of hours this morning for public viewing, before it was taken for cremation.

Shivaram was a versatile and gifted actor and had worked with most of the biggest film makers and actors in his six-decade journey in the film industry.

Shivaram, who was fondly called as Shivaramanna in film circles, was associated with the film industry since the late 1950s, first as an associate director and later as a character and comedy actor. He later turned producer with his brother S. Ramanathan and launched 'Rashi Brothers' banner.

Shivaram, who made his debut as an actor in the 1965 film 'Beretha Jeeva,' played memorable roles in the films of renowned Director Puttanna Kanagal, including *Upasane* (which he also co-produced), *Sharapanjara, Shubhamangala* and *Naagarahaavu*. He acted with late Dr. Rajkumar in several films , including *Bangarada Panjara, Sipayi Ramu, Chalisuva Modagalu* and *Halu Jenu*.

Rashi brothers banner produced several films , including *Gejje Pooje,* Dr.Rajkumar starrer *Nanobba Kalla* and Tamil Film Dharma Durai, which starred Rajinikanth. They also produced *Driver Hanumanthu*, in which Shivaram himself acted in the lead role.

Shivaram was a regular in Dr. Rajukumar's films and had a long standing friendship with top actors such as Vishnuvardhan and Ambareesh. A well-read man, Shivaram had a library at home and loved collecting books. He was active on the small screen till his last and was the backbone of Karnataka Artists Association.

Shivaram was a recipient of many prestigious awards including Dr. Rajkumar Lifetime Achievement Award (2010-11) and Padmabhushan Dr. B. Saroja Devi National Award (2013), in recognition of his contribution to the Kannada filmdom.

Several lead actors and others in the film industry and outside paid their last respects to the departed actor.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Revenue Minister R. Ashoka and several other political and film personalities have condoled the death of the veteran actor.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai who paid his last respects to the versatile actor yesterday, said that Shivaram's death has come as another jolt to the Kannada film industry, which is yet to recover from the passing away of Puneeth Rajkumar. Former Chief Ministers Siddharamaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy were among those who paid tributes to the departed actor.

Carol Singing Competition held

The 17th Diocesan Carol Singing Competition, organised by Catholic Association of Mysore, was held at St. Philomena's High School Auditorium, F.T.S. Circle, B.N. Road, this morning under the Presidentship of Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William, Bishop of Mysore and Patron of the Association. The valedictory function will be held under the Presidentship of Rev. Fr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Rector & Manager of St. Philomena's College, at 6 pm today (Dec. 5).

Over 5,000 attend KPSC exam

Mysuru, Dec.5 (RKB&DM)- More than 5,000 candidates appeared for the written exam conducted by KPSC (Karnataka Public Service Commission) today for recruitment to over 500 Group-C Non-Technical posts in various Government Departments, at 20 centres spread across the city.

A total of 9,540 eligible candidates were allotted to the 20 centres in Mysuru, out of which 5,387 candidates appeared for the exam, while the rest 4,153 candidates were absent, according to sources.

The exam consisted of two papers — General Knowledge held in the morning session (10 am to 11.30 am) and Communication Skills in the afternoon session (2 pm to 4 pm).

DDPI Ramachandraraje Urs visited some of the centres and supervised the conduct of the exam.

Tight Police security was provided around all the exam centres.

New highway from Kerala to Kodagu

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While raising the issue in Lok Sabha, the Kasaragod MP has cleverly mentioned that the proposed new highway can connect Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala in Kannur district and CRPF Camp at Peringome, also in Kannur district. But he has chosen to hide the fact that if at all the highway is constructed, it will cause irreparable damage to the reserve forests of the Western Ghats.

No such proposal: Minister

However, replying to the MP, Minister Nitin Gadkari has replied, "The Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways in the country. The Madayi Kavu-Pulingome-Talacauvery road is not part of the National Highways network. Presently, there is no proposal for the development of the above road stretch under any scheme in the Ministry."

If at all the Madayi Kavu-Pulingome-Talacauvery highway is sanctioned, it will endanger the birthplace of River Cauvery and it will completely destroy the green belt, said environment groups. At present, there is an uneven mud road filled with boulders between Pulingome and Talacauvery via Mundroot on the Kerala border.

This road existed before the Greater Talacauvery National Park was announced and earlier, jeeps would travel on the road and now, the road is under the control of the Forest Department and any type of vehicle movement is banned here.

Relief to Greens

The Minister's assurance has come as a relief to environmentalists who are resisting any new roads in the Greater Talacauvery National Park including the proposed road from Patti to Thodikana within the Talacauvery Wildlife Sanctuary near Talacauvery.

But they have cautioned the elected representatives and people of Karnataka to be wary of the neighbouring State's designs. Kerala has been demanding the road for years and there was a proposal to lay a gas pipeline through the forests. As the entire green belt comes under the Greater Talacauvery National Park, these projects are not permitted, said green groups.

Ready for war room, helpline

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The administration is ready to ramp up facilities in case positive numbers cross 100. Now on an average, 25-30 cases are detected and they are managed at District Hospital that has 250 beds.

Numbers in Mysuru

As per the media bulletin released by the District Administration yesterday, the total number of persons isolated in the home for 7 days is 756 while 81 have been isolated in dedicated Government Hospitals and 199 are in home isolation, taking the total isolated persons' number to 303.

Yesterday, 29 have tested positive, 41 have been discharged and one death has been reported. Ever since the pandemic began, 2,431 people have lost their lives to the virus in Mysuru.

"There are 250 beds at the District Hospital where all the cases are being treated now and out of this, 50 beds are ICU beds, 100 are oxygenated and 100 are normal ones. In the district, there are 5,346 beds including Government and Private, 1,700 oxygenated beds, 208 ICU beds and 245 ventilators," Dr. Prasad revealed.

COVID Care Centres, oxygen

If number of cases increases, all 5,346 beds will be utilised and in addition, COVID Care Centres will be opened. "In 2nd wave, we had 8,000 beds in COVID Care Centres and now we can have more. In case the cases increase, the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) COVID Care Centre near Mandakalli on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road will be opened that has 1,000 beds. We can also reserve the Seth Mohandas Tulsidas (SMT) Hospital on JLB Road to accommodate infected pregnant women," he added.

On the oxygen front, the DHO said that Mysuru is self-reliant and there was no need to get oxygen from outside. There are 10 oxygen-generating plants here and two more will be readied at Periyapatna and H.D. Kote within the next fortnight, he added.

SWR team conducts safety inspection of Mysuru-Bengaluru double track

Mysuru, Dec. 5- All Railways' assets have a codified periodic schedule of inspections and safety checks to be done by different level of Railway Officials, starting from supervisors to the highest level of officers.

With a view to ensuring implementation of prescribed rules and guidelines for safe operations of trains and to identify generic short comings, a Multi-disciplinary team of Railway Officers led by Alok Tiwari, Principal Chief Safety Officer from South Western Railway Headquarters, conducted Safety Audit inspection on Mysuru-Yeliyur section of Mysuru Division on Dec. 2 and 3. The team comprised Senior Officers of Electrical, Mechanical, Operations, Safety and Signal & Telecommunication Departments.

The team on Thursday inspected major and minor Bridges at Srirangapatna and at enroute on the section besides, Points and Crossings at Naganahalli and Pandavapura stations, Level Crossing gates and Traction sub-stations was also inspected on the main line of Mysuru - Bengaluru double line.

The Officials also interacted with the staff working in Level Crossing gates to understand their knowledge of the rules and the action they take when train parting is noticed apart from protecting the level crossing gates. The team observed the schedule of Inspection and other important registers to be maintained by the station Managers.

At Mysuru, an intensive check was done on Friday in the Pit lines, Electrical interlocking, Yard, Coaching Depot, Crew Lobby and Running Room at Mysuru Station to ensure all safety parameters and preparedness are in line.

Later in the day, a Safety seminar was also conducted in the Conference Hall of Divisional Railway Manager Office, Irwin Road, chaired by Tiwari.

Divisional Railway Manager, Mysuru, Rahul Agarwal, R.K. Sharma, Chief Electrical General Engineer, H.M. Dinesh, Chief Traffic Planning Manager, R.V.N. Sharma Chief Rolling Stock Engineer, Mahesh Kumar, Chief General Engineer South Western Railway, were present in the seminar.

Budati Srinivasulu and A. Devasahayam, Additional Divisional Railway Managers, Mysuru, along with other Senior Officers from the Division were part of the Safety team and were also present during the Seminar.

The Zonal Railway will be submitting the Safety Audit Report on the observations made during the Audit to the Railway Board, according to Dr. Manjunath Kanamadi, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager and Sr PRO.

AIISH felicitates special achievers

Mysuru, Dec. 5- All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on Dec. 3.

The aim of the programme was to promote awareness regarding disability issues, fundamental rights of persons with disabilities, in all spheres of society and development and in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

M.J. Roopa, Additional Commissioner, Mysuru City Corporation, was the chief guest through virtual mode. Prof. M. Pushpavathi, Director, AIISH, Mysuru presided. On the occasion, the following special achievers along with "AIISH Best Mother of the Year-2021" were felicitated:

B. Ramadevi, mother of V. Vamsi Krishna, a child with Spoken Language Disorder Secondary to Autism Spectrum Disorder & Intellectual Disability. The child exhibited poor mental abilities, socialisation skills, poor eye contact, self-injurious behaviours, reduced attention and concentration. Her dedication, sincerity and hard work has brought the change in her child's life showing improvement in quality of life.

B.K. Karthik, a person with cleft lip and palate, has completed Diploma in Electronics and Communication from Srimath Polytechnic College, Mysuru. Currently he is working as Technical Lead in Happy Minds Company, Mysuru.

T.P. Asna, a person with Hearing Impairment, completed her Bachelor's in Architecture from Government Engineering College, Kerala and secured first class. Currently she is working as an Architect and Designer at Arclink in Trissur.

Annushaka Bhattacharjee, a person with Autism Spectrum Disorder, completed her 10th standard through National Open Schooling. Currently she is working as Assistant Teacher at Nireeksha Special School, Mysuru.

The pre-recorded videos of sports and cultural events, phone-in programmes and success stories of persons with disabilities were streamlined via Facebook page of AIISH.

Voluntary transfer counselling

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (SSM)- The counselling for voluntary transfer (also mutual) of BEOs and Technical Assistants, who have completed 3 years of service, will be held on Dec. 6 at District Deputy Director's office on D. Subbaiah Road in city at 10 am.

The counselling serial numbers are 1 to 55 for Cluster Resource Persons (CRP- Primary School) and 1 Block Resource Persons (BRP - High School).

Eligible teachers should attend the counselling along with the service letter, according to a press release from the Dy. Director, Dept. of Public Instruction.

City Prof. to present paper at All India Meet

Dr. Purnima

Mysuru, Dec. 5- Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and now the Director, Children's Literary Club, will be presenting a paper, titled 'Matilda Effect' at the 46th All India Sociological Conference.

Constitution, Citizenship and Minorities: Mapping Seventy Years of Indian Republic, a National Online Conference will be held from Dec. 8 to 10.

The paper will be presented under Gender Studies, Research Committee 10. The Conference is organised by the Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi and the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai.

Hindu Economic Forum formed

Mysuru, Dec. 5 (MTY&DM)- With a view to provide a platform for Hindu businessmen to promote businesses of the community, Hindu Economic Forum (HEF) has come into existence.

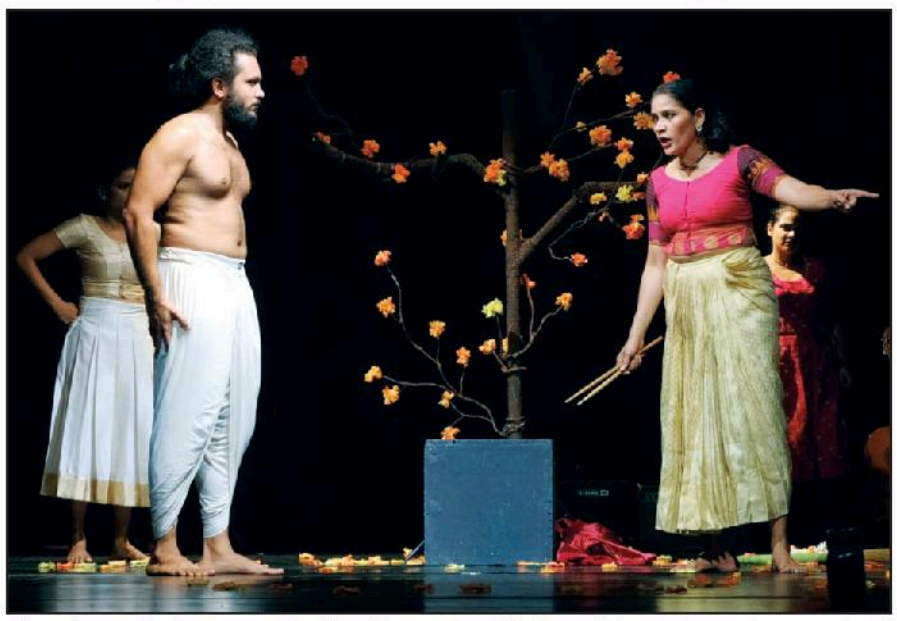
Announcing this at a press meet here on Friday, the HEF General Secretary K.S. Sailendranath said that the HEF has been formed as a NGO registered under a National Trust.

Pointing out that HEF Trust has its registered office at Kaloor in Kochi, Kerala State, he said that now a branch has been set up in Mysuru for helping those who want to do business and also those already in business. For details, call Mob : 94484-20190.

Veena and vocal concerts mesmerise audience at JSS Music Festival

Vidu. Nirmala Rajashekar presenting a veena recital at Navajyoti auditorium of JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram last evening as part of the ongoing Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji Memorial Music Festival organised by JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust. She is accompanied by Vid. Murugabhoopati on mridanga and Vid. Vazhappally Krishnakumar on ghata. Picture right shows Vid. Bangalore Nishanth, accompanied by Vid. Keshava Mohankumar on violin and Vid. Yashwant Hampiholi on mridanga, presenting a vocal concert on the occasion. Today (Dec. 5), vocal concert by Vid. Aneesh Bhat at 5.30 pm and vocal recital by Vidu. Kalavathy Avadhoot at 7 pm.

Three-day 'Natana Rangotsava' begins



Veteran theatre artiste Rameshwari Verma and actor Shivaji Jadhav beating the drum to inaugurate the three-day 'Natana Rangotsava' organised by Natana Rangashale (Natana School of Theatre Arts) at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar last evening. Also seen are (from left) actor and Natana Rangashale Founder Mandya Ramesh and Natana Rangashale President K.S. Anand Kumar. Picture right shows Adhishakthi troupe of Tamil Nadu staging the play 'Bhoomi' on the occasion. The play will be re-staged today at 6.30 pm.

ADC inaugurates Tribal Festival in city

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy inaugurating the Tribal Festival (Budakattu Utsava) organised by the Kannada & Culture Department and Integrated Tribal Development Department under Integrated Tribal Development Project as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira last evening. Also seen are (from left) Kannada and Culture Department Assistant Director H. Channappa, Integrated Tribal Development Project Co-ordinator Prabha, writer Prof. Kalegowda Nagavara and Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy. Picture right shows a troupe from Nagarahole Tribal Development Institute rehearsing to perform on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Derrick

Pronunciation: DAIR-ik.
Meaning: A derrick is a tall framework over an oil well that supports equipment used in drilling.
Origin: During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, London was the home of a notorious executioner named Derick. Among those he beheaded was the Earl of Essex, Robert Devereux, who supposedly had once saved the life of the ungrateful executioner. While members of the nobility were accorded the courtesy of beheading, it was the lot of commoners to be hanged, and those sent to face the rope at the hands of the executioner Derick nicknamed the gallows after him. Today, derrick is commonly used for a framework, but one that supports equipment used in drilling for oil.
Example: "Oil derricks dot the coastline, often scattered in between residential and shopping centres with views of the ocean." — The Examiner (Washington, D.C.)

THE ODD WORD

Dapatical

Lavish; sumptuous; costly.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Dead loss

Meaning: The phrase 'Dead Loss' is used to describe a total loss.
Origin: The origin of the idiom 'dead loss' is believed to have its roots in the 1700s, though no one really knows who used the term first. The word 'dead' originated in Old English, and was first used as an adjective in the 14th century. The word 'loss' originated in Old English as the word 'los', and was first used in the 14th century as well.
Example: "This car is a dead loss after the accident."

QUOTE BOX

Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears.

— Les Brown

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Somewhere

Answer: Somewhere over the rainbow.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Rip to pieces (4,2)
6 Senior members of professions
10 A plant used in cooking, or another word for 'wise'
11 Girl's name
12 Wire
14 Prefix meaning "equal"
16 Belgian battle
17 US Civil war side, in short
19 Predatory gull
21 European Economic Community
22 Sullen, severe
23 Chopped up meat into small pieces
25 Ultrafashionable
27 Home "improvements" (abbr.)
28 ___ is gold?
29 Showered or poured down
32 English river
35 Hindu god of fire
36 'Bravo!'
38 Slave or serf
39 Slow run
40 Leg of lamb
42 Mumbai's terminus
43 Oral examination? (4,4)
45 Spanish cry of encouragement or cheer
46 Dash or zest
47 Makes sweeping search as with net
48 Be slow and waste time

DOWN

1 Self-evident or indisputable truth
2 Dumfounding, flabbergasting or stunning
3 "Are" anagram for a foreign boy's name?
4 Unsightly
5 Looked surreptitiously, maybe through keyhole
6 Straight or undeviating
7 Rooms within harems
8 Edible tuber
9 It may be given to an employee at the end of the month
13 Grad. Rec. Exam.
15 Snow runner
17 Behave patronisingly
18 Soapy water or soap bubble
20 Anatomical sacs
22 Dig; investigate
24 Needle feature
26 The eggs of fish
29 Rajasthan's famous warrior caste
30 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
31 Operates a vehicle
32 Gave a forceful push?
33 Hospital workers: abbr.
34 Plant to annoy
37 Revered personality __ Khan
40 Liquid measure
41 Small Indian weight
43 Pledge
44 Call of the crow

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

R	U	H	R	■	E	S	A	■	A	G	I	O
A	S	O	F	■	A	L	L	■	C	O	R	N
R	E	N	I	■	T	I	G	H	T	W	A	D
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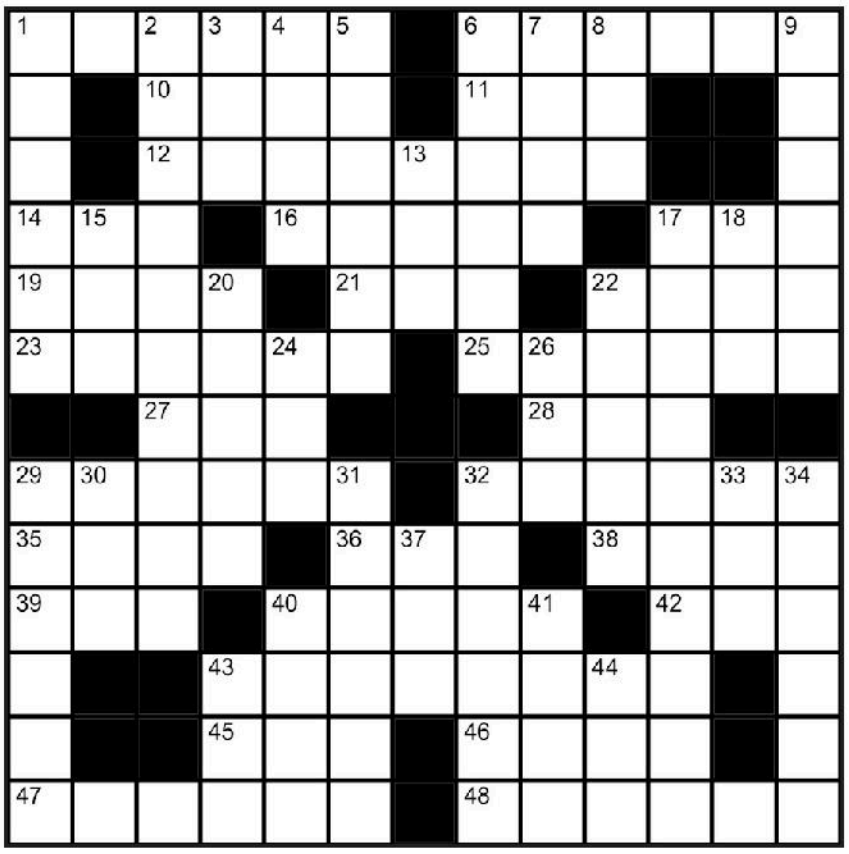

SUDOKU

					2			1
5			3			2		
9	1						6	3
		5			8		1	
			2		6			
	4		9			5		
1	2						8	7
		8			3			6
7			8					

Answer to previous puzzle

6	5	9	7	8	2	3	4	1
8	3	7	1	4	6	2	9	5
4	1	2	5	3	9	7	6	8
9	7	5	8	2	1	6	3	4
2	8	6	3	9	4	1	5	7
1	4	3	6	7	5	9	8	2
5	2	4	9	1	3	8	7	6
7	9	1	4	6	8	5	2	3
3	6	8	2	5	7	4	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VQKZF TDK'Y UJF NAHZKSW, UJY HY TDK BZY

FQJ D UZYYZA TEDWW QN ZKZVF.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS C

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I was so naive as a kid I used to sneak behind the barn and do nothing.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Sakath (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 9900820093
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Madhagaja (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm
	(S-3)	10.05 am, 7.15 pm
Marakkar - Arabikkadalinte Simham (Ma)	(S-1)	6.30 pm; (S-4) 9.30 am
Sakkath (K)	(S-2)	10.05 am
	(S-4)	3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.35 pm
Bachelor (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm; (S-3) 4.00 pm
Tadap (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Akhanda (Te)	(S-2)	9.45 pm
Maanaadu (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-4)	12.55 pm

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Sakkath (K)	12.30 pm, 6.45 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	12.40 pm, 2.45 pm, 9.50 pm
Tadap (H)	9.25 am, 12.15 pm, 4.05, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Clifford: The Big Red (E)	3.05 pm, 9.25 pm
Resident Evil: Welcome To Raccoon City (E)	10.00 am, 12.25 pm, 7.10 pm
Marakkar - Arabikkadalinte Simham (Ma)	5.55 pm
Antim: The Final (H)	2.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Bachelor (Ta)	3.05 pm
Maanaadu (Ta)	3.35 pm
Akhanda (Te)	11.15 am, 6.10 pm
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Madhagaja (K)	9.30 am, 3.20 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	9.50 am, 6.15 pm,
Resident Evil: Welcome To Raccoon City (E)	10.45 am, 4.20 pm
Bachelor (Ta)	11.25 am
100 (K)	12.25 pm
Sakath (K)	1.15 pm, 4.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Tadap (H)	1.15 pm, 7.10 pm
Akhanda (Te)	3.00 pm, 9.40 pm
Maanaadu (Ta)	6.30 pm
Marakkar: Arabian Samudradha Simha (K)	10.00 pm

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Madhagaja (K)	(S-2)	9.55 am, 3.55 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-3)	12.50 pm, 6.40 pm
Sakkath (K)	(S-1)	6.15 pm; (S-2) 12.45 pm
Tadap (H)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 4.25 pm, 9.55 pm
Resident Evil: Welcome To Raccoon City (E)	(S-3)	10.20 am; (S-4) 7.20 pm
Bachelor (Ta)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 2.35 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Nanna Hesaru Kishore Yelu Pass Yentu (K)	(S-2)	6.50 pm
Akshi (K)	(S-3)	3.45 pm
Marakkar - Arabikkadalinte Simham (Ma)	(S-1)	9.25 pm
Akhanda (Te)	(S-3)	9.35 pm

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Sakkath (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 1 pm; (S-4) 6.40 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-1)	3.45 pm
Akhanda (Te)	(S-1)	6.35 pm; (S-3) 10.30 am
Tadap (H)	(S-1)	9.40 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.00 pm
Madhagaja (K)	(S-2)	8.30 am, 11.10 am, 1.45 pm, 4.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Resident Evil: Welcome To Raccoon City (E)	(S-3)	1.35 pm, 3.50 pm
Marakkar - Arabikkadalinte Simham (Ma)	(S-3)	6.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Bachelor (Ta)	(S-4)	3.25 pm
Maanaadu (Ta)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 5)

- **Indian Art and Craft Shopping Festival-2021:** Christmas Carnival, expo-cum-sale of over 10,000 varieties of handlooms and handicrafts for all over India, Open Grounds, opposite Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, Hunsur Road, Vijayanagar I Stage, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha:** Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji Memorial Music Festival, vocal concert by Vid. Aneesh Bhat accompanied by Vid. Sumanth Manjunath on violin and Vid. Puttur Nikshith on mridanga, **5.30 pm;** Vocal recital by Vidu. Kalavathy Avadhoot along with Vidu. Adithi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Vazhappally Krishnakumar on ghata, Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Mookana Makkalu' by junior artistes of Rangayana (Director: B.V. Karanth), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Catholic Association of Mysore:** Valedictory of the 17th Diocesan Carol Singing Competition under the Presidentship of Rev. Fr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Rector & Manager of St. Philomena's College, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, chief guest, Rev. Fr. Dominic Vas, CR1 President, Rev. Fr. M. Vincent, Parish Priest, Perpetual Succour Church, Srirampura, Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, Secretary, Mysore Diocesan Educational Society, Ashif Basheer, District Officer, Minority Welfare Department, Anil Christy, Stastistical Officer, Mysuru City Corporation, Shanthu Nesan, ex-Corporator and Johny G. Kunnel, Proprietor, J.J. Construction, Mysuru, guests of honour; St. Philomena's High School Auditorium, F.T.S. Circle, B.N. Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale (Natana School of Theatre Arts):** 'Natana Rangotsava,' staging of play 'Bhoomi' by Adhishakthi troupe of Tamil Nadu, directed by Vinay Kumar, Natana Rangashale premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 72595-37777 or 94804-68327]
- **Gurukripa Meditation Centre, Vidyaranyapuram:** Free online meditation session titled 'Health is Wealth – Mantra Sound Hypnotherapy Meditation,' Zoom platform, **9 pm.** [Mob: 91417-58569]

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 6)

- **Indian Art and Craft Shopping Festival-2021:** Christmas Carnival, expo-cum-sale of over 10,000 varieties of handlooms and handicrafts for all over India, Open Grounds, opposite Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, Hunsur Road, Vijayanagar I Stage, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing:** Training programme for primary school teachers to execute classroom remedial programme for children who are at risk of Dyslexia, DDPI Ramachandra Raje Urs inaugurates, Medical Education Division Director R. Mahesh presides, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, M.G. Road, **11 am.**
- **Tulu Shivalli Madhwa Brahmana Mahamandali, Mysuru Branch, Sri Krishnadhama and Sri Krishna Trust:** Mass Sri Dhanavantri and Sri Mahamrutyunjaya Yaga for the welfare of all, Palimaru Mutt Seer Sri Vidyadeesha Theertha Padangal graces the occasion, Sri Krishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **11.30 am.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale (Natana School of Theatre Arts):** 'Natana Rangotsava', staging of play 'Mukyamantri' by Kalagangothri theatre troupe from Bengaluru (Directed by Dr. B.V. Rajaram), Natana Rangashale premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 72595-37777 or 94804-68327]
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha:** Valedictory of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji Memorial Music Festival, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Vid. Mysore Nagaraj presides, PDG Rtn. M. Lakshminarayan of Jayachamarajendra Art Gallery and Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma, President, Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy chief guests; Flute recital by Vid. Vamshidar, accompanied by Vid. Mattur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Navajyoti auditorium, JSS Women's College, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru:** Maddikere Gopal takes charge as the District President of the Parishat in the presence of Nadoja Dr. Mahesh Joshi, President, Central Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Bengaluru and H. Channappa, Assistant Director, Kannada & Culture Department, Dr. RaGow, retd. Professor, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), presides, Dr. Y.D. Rajanna, Immediate Past President of the District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, special invitee, Prof. Maleyuru Guruswamy, thinker and retd. Professor, Mysuru, chief guest and Dr. Latha Rajashekar, well-known poetess, Mysuru, chief guests, M. Chandrashekar, former President, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru, delivers keynote address, District Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **DSS (Dalit Sangharsha Samiti), Mysuru District Unit:** Mahaparinirvan Diwas (death anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar), Interaction on 'How effective is the Dalit counter movement in tackling Manuwadi challenges,' Dr. H.D. Umashankar, a faculty of Government First Grade College, K.R. Pet, inaugurates, DSS Convenor C. Umamahadeva delivers keynote address, Buddha Vihar, near Ashoka Circle, **6.30 pm.** [Zoom Meeting: ***https://us05web.zoom.us/j/5167549795?pwd=WDhWQ1VjcGVnRktxYnM5bk55aVgydz09;*** Meeting ID: 516 754 9795. Passcode: DSS@MYSORE]

Training

Mysuru, Dec. 5- JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysuru, is one of the première institutions serving individual with communication disorders. Institute imparts training at Under-Graduate (UG), Post-Graduate (PG) and Doctoral levels in the field of Speech and Hearing and is affiliated to the University of Mysore (UoM) and also recognised by the Rehabilitation Council of India. Institute has also been recognised as 'Research Centre' from UoM.

As part of research project funded by ERIC-NCERT, New Delhi, the Institute is planning to conduct a training programme for primary school teachers for a duration of six days (Dec. 6 to 11) to execute classroom remedial programme for children who are at risk of Dyslexia at JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing in Mysuru.

The training programme will be inaugurated by chief guest Ramachandra Raje Urs, Deputy Director of Public Instruction (DDPI), Mysuru, tomorrow (Dec. 6) at 11 am at Sri Rajendra Bhavan on M.G. Road in city. R. Mahesh, Director, Medical Education Division, will preside.

Over 100 primary school teachers in and around Mysuru are expected to participate in the training programme that will educate and equip teachers to identify and execute remedial programme for children at risk of Dyslexia in classrooms.

Experienced faculty from various areas like Speech and Hearing, Clinical Psychology, Psychiatry, Physiotherapy, occupational therapy and Nursing will be delivering lectures during the six-day training programme.

Annual General Body Meetings

Mysuru, Dec. 5- The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) and get-together function of **Sree Igguthappa Kodava Kshemabhivrudhi Sangha, Hebbal,** will be held on Dec. 12 at 9.30 am at Gurumane Hall, Kodava Samaja Mysore, Vijayanagara 1st Stage, in city. Sangha President Malachira M. Ponnappa will preside.

Kodagu Sahakara Sangha, Jayalakshmipuram, will hold its AGM (2020-2021) at the Sangha premises on Dec. 19 at 10.30 am. Sangha President A.C. Nanjamma will preside.

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